

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICERS JACOB CARLSON AND RANDI GARRETT

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the service and bravery of Officer Jacob Carlson and Officer Randi Garrett of the Casper Police Department.

On May 6, 2018, Jake and Randi responded to a call of children driving a car around a dirt lot in Casper near Fairdale Avenue. When Officer Garrett arrived on scene, she found a 3-year-old driving the vehicle with an adult and another child in the vehicle. The adult was uncooperative in providing identification and attempted to flee after Officer Carlson arrived on the scene. While Jake attempted to stop the assailant from fleeing, he was shot multiple times with a concealed weapon. Despite being shot with heavy blood loss, Officer Carlson returned fire, and both officers found cover behind the car. Officer Carlson's firearm was hit by gunfire. His actions allowed Officer Garrett to find cover and eventually expose herself to fire a single shot, rendering the assailant no longer a threat. Jake and Randi's actions were selfless and ultimately saved the lives of two young children.

When officers in our community put on their uniforms, they know that at any time during their shift, they could walk into harm's way. Without hesitation, they still put on their uniform every day. This speaks louder than words can describe. It speaks to their bravery, professionalism, and commitment to the people of Wyoming.

In 2008, Congress passed the Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act, CBOB, establishing an honor for exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty by Federal, State, local, and Tribal law enforcement officers.

On April 24, 2021, the Wyoming congressional delegation will present Officers Carlson and Garrett the Congressional Badge of Bravery for their heroic actions. It will be a high honor to participate in this ceremony.

I want to thank Officers Carlson and Garrett for their exceptional valor on this tragic day. The example and professionalism they have set will shape future generations of police officers throughout Wyoming and across our great country.

All of Wyoming and the law enforcement community are so thankful for Officer Carlson's recovery and Officer's Garrett's resolve.

REMEMBERING BRIGID McDONOUGH

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, today I rise in remembrance of my dear friend Brigid McDonough. Many years ago, she agreed to be the treasurer of my Senate campaign and stayed in that volunteer job for over a decade. That was a courageous thing to do in this political climate. But that was the kind of friend Brigid was: loyal and always there. She wanted to serve the people.

She loved her family. She loved her husband, Reid. I know how hard it was for Reid and Brigid at the end, and the last few years the two of them had together were so precious. Brigid loved her extended family of course. I will always remember being at the Lumberjack Days Parade in Stillwater, and Brigid would run up and give me a big hug—and her sister would run up and give me a big hug and then some other McDonough would. Her affection was contagious.

Since her admission to the Minnesota bar in 1984, her life and career were rooted in how she could best lift others up. She believed that government and the law can be used to help people achieve equity and social justice in a world where playing fields are not often level. She used her impressive legal acumen to achieve good things on behalf of many people in our State.

Brigid recognized the power of political and community organizing, of getting involved. She was inspired by the DFL tradition and the honest conviction to fight for what is just. If you asked me what politician she was most inspired by, I would have to say Senator Paul Wellstone. He was her hero. Campaigning for Paul is how I first met Brigid; She was a true believer, happily working at a law firm by day, and spending her free time out there holding up those green signs for Paul.

Providing affordable housing to underserved communities was a major goal for Brigid, and she approached her volunteer work with the same focus she had at the law firm. Whether she was representing immigrant and refugee families through her pro bono work, supporting her alma mater and community by serving on the Macalester College alumni board and the Hmong Partnership board, or chairing the St. Paul DFL—that alone is a career unto itself—Brigid always brought this earnest conviction to fight for what was good, often on behalf of people who couldn't always do it for themselves.

Brigid did so much through the valuable guidance she offered to dozens of local, State, and national political campaigns. She was especially dedicated to electing women and people of color to public office, and she was really good at it.

Brigid was kind and generous, loyal to friends and colleagues, and compassionate, smart, and really funny. She and Reid loved traveling and both were voracious readers. I always admired

her adventurous spirit and valued hearing her opinions on everything from Minnesota politics to Bruce Springsteen. Friends considered her a font of wisdom and ideas, and she always shared recommendations on books, movies, and music, with warmth and affection.

There are certain people who have a way of seeing and bringing out the very best in others. Brigid was one of those people.

Let's remember Brigid's fierce love of life. That is what made the time we spent with her so special. Her friendship and her commitment to making a difference in the world are true gifts that will continue to benefit all of us who were lucky enough to know her.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA ROGERS

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize my constituent and extraordinary Federal employee, Ms. Barbara Rogers of Chevy Chase, MD, who is retiring from Federal service.

For nearly 20 years, Barbara has worked for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's, CDC, Washington office, advising Agency leadership on critical policy issues, including environmental health and public health preparedness. A graduate of the George Washington University Law School, Barbara prosecuted environmental enforcement cases at the U.S. Attorney's Office and served for 8 years as counsel to committees of both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives. She brought this invaluable experience to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, ATSDR, a Federal public health Agency that protects communities from the harmful health effects related to exposure to natural and manmade hazardous substances. When ATSDR joined CDC's Washington office in 2002, Barbara took on CDC's environmental portfolio in Washington, DC, and helped shape CDC's rapidly growing preparedness work in the era following the attacks of September 11.

Barbara has served as a CDC liaison to Congress, educating policymakers and staff to better understand the Agency on a variety of important matters, including in response to congressional oversight on CDC's laboratories and, more recently, on COVID-19. Barbara's widely sought sage advice and diplomatic skills, combined with a powerful intellect and attention to detail, have been a critical asset to CDC in the Agency's interactions with GAO and Congress.

With Barbara's retirement, her CDC colleagues will miss her warm friendship and wonderful sense of humor. CDC will lose a public servant with a moral and ethical grounding, who has been a fierce advocate for CDC and public health.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Barbara Rogers for her outstanding service to our country and extend to her our very best wishes for an enjoyable and fulfilling retirement.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER ANDY FERGUSON AND DETECTIVE RYAN KIRKPATRICK

• Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, at 10 p.m. on March 30, 2021, Stanford, KY, Police Officer Andy Ferguson and Detective Ryan Kirkpatrick were dispatched to the parking lot of a local eatery after receiving a 911 call from Maria Vergara, a teenager who witnessed a heinous crime: a young woman being assaulted and dragged, screaming, into the cab of a semitruck.

Once on the scene, these law enforcement professionals gained access to the vehicle, rescued the victim, and eventually arrested the 29-year-old perpetrator who was later charged with sexual assault and kidnapping.

Working with SPD Chaplain Jeremy Johnson and the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, the out-of-State victim received medical treatment at the hospital and was reunited with her family.

But the story does not stop there. A locket containing the ashes of the victim's mother had been ripped from her neck and discarded during the assault, and officers were unable to locate it during the night. The next day, Chaplain Johnson and Stanford Mayor Dalton Miller returned to the scene and eventually found the necklace, which has since been returned to the victim.

These actions remind us all of several things: of one person's ability to change the course of history for another—in this case, the teenager who reported the crime, of the mix of professionalism and heroism that sends police officers into unknown but certain danger; and of the never-give-up attitude of our best public servants who are moved by compassion to go the extra mile for those who are hurting. We honor each of these individuals today and thank them for their example.●

RECOGNIZING: DAVE'S BIKE SHOP

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, as a senior member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each month I recognize and celebrate the American entrepreneurial spirit by highlighting the success of a small business in my home State of Idaho. Today I am pleased to honor Dave's Bike Shop in Idaho Falls as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for April 2021.

Dave's Bike Shop is a family-owned small business located in historic downtown Idaho Falls. Founded by longtime biking enthusiasts David and Emily Wilding, the couple saw a need

for a bike shop in their local community and found a small space in the historic downtown area. After months of renovations, they opened their doors in September of 2011.

Since its founding, Dave's Bike Shop has been a family effort. Dave and Emily's four sons have been an integral part of the shop's success, working after school and through the summers to finish two extensive building remodels and assist in day-to-day sales and service. Through the Wilding family's hard work, the business grew and sales increased with each successive year, enabling Dave and Emily to relocate to a larger facility and expand their services.

Like other small businesses across Idaho, Dave's Bike Shop had to adapt to the challenges of the pandemic. When global shutdowns closed factories and limited access to their supply chain, the business quickly changed its procurement strategy by sourcing new products from other manufacturers and placing larger orders whenever possible. Despite these obstacles, the shop has remained successful and continues to serve the Idaho Falls community.

Congratulations to Dave, Emily, and all of the employees of Dave's Bike Shop on being selected as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for April 2021. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the Secretary of the Senate, on March 26, 2021, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1651) to amend the CARES Act to extend the sunset for the definition of a small business debtor, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the Secretary of the Senate, on March 26, 2021, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of

Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BROWN) had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1799. An act to amend the Small Business Act and the CARES Act to extend the covered period for the paycheck protection program, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the enrolled bill was signed on March 26, 2021, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

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H.R. 1651. An act to amend the CARES Act to extend the sunset for the definition of a small business debtor, and for other purposes.

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MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 27. Concurrent resolution permitting the remains of the late United States Capitol Police Officer William F. Evans to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol.

H. Con. Res. 28. Concurrent resolution directing the Architect of the Capitol to transfer to the catafalque situated in the Capitol Visitor Center to the rotunda of the Capitol for use in connection with services conducted for United States Capitol Police Officer William F. Evans.

The message also announced that pursuant to sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-43), and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Mr. SMITH of Nebraska.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 2(a) of the National Cultural Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76h(a)), amended by Public Law 107-117, and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Mrs. BEATTY of Ohio and Ms. ESHOO of California.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 2(a) of the National Cultural Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76h(a)),